BOE BUDGET WORKSHOP #1

February 24, 2026

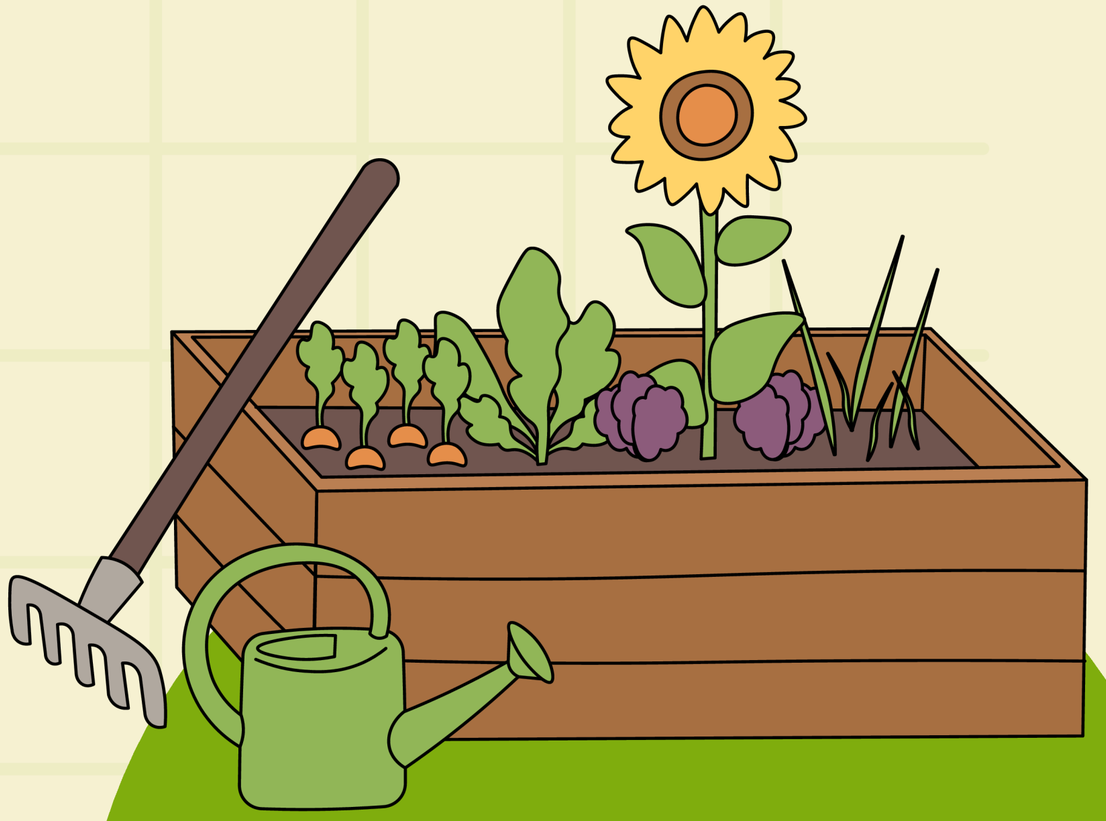
BUDGET TOPICS

- Colchester Elementary School
- Jack Jackter Intermediate School
- William J. Johnston Middle School
- General Operating Budget
- Transportation

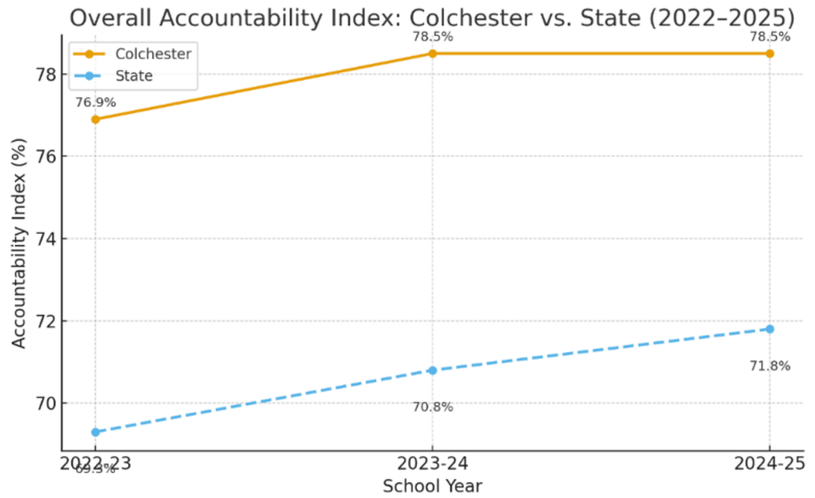
DISTRICT GOALS

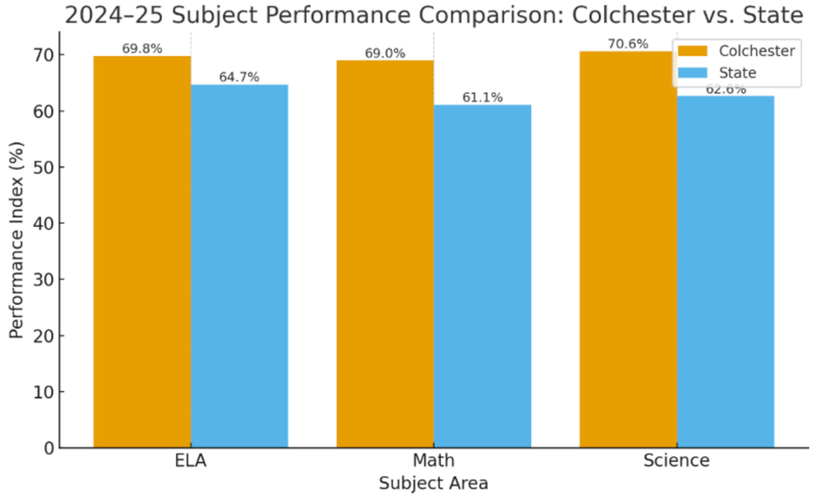
1. Colchester Public Schools will increase achievement for each student, with students demonstrating measurable growth

2. Colchester Public Schools will foster community pride and ensure that students, staff, and the community as a whole feel valued, accepted and connected



PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW





[Reference: CT Next Generation Accountability Dashboard]

Academic Strengths

Math & Science growth: High Needs Math growth

CCR Participation

College and Career Readiness (CCR) course participation rates of 98-99%.

Next Generation Accountability Index

Colchester outperforms state averages and sits in the middle-upper tier regionally

District	2023–24	2024–25	Change	Trend
East Lyme	83.3	81.2	↓ 2.1	Decrease
Colchester	78.5	78.5	—	Stable
Cromwell	77.9	78.6	↑ 0.7	Increase
Wethersfield	77.8	79.2	↑ 1.4	Increase
Berlin	78.3	76.2	↓ 2.1	Decrease
East Hampton	78.1	77.2	↓ 0.9	Decrease
East Haddam	75.7	75.5	↓ 0.2	Slight Decrease
Stonington	77.6	78.6	↑ 1.0	Increase
Waterford	78.4	78.3	↓ 0.1	Slight Decrease

COLCHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CES PROJECTIONS

STUDENTS 594

STAFF

39 Certified Staff

9.5 Regular Education Paraeducators

2 Office Professionals

2 Nursing Office

7 Custodial / Maintenance

2 School Safety

1 Access Control Attendant

CES PRIORITIES

01

Access for all students through inclusive MTSS.

02

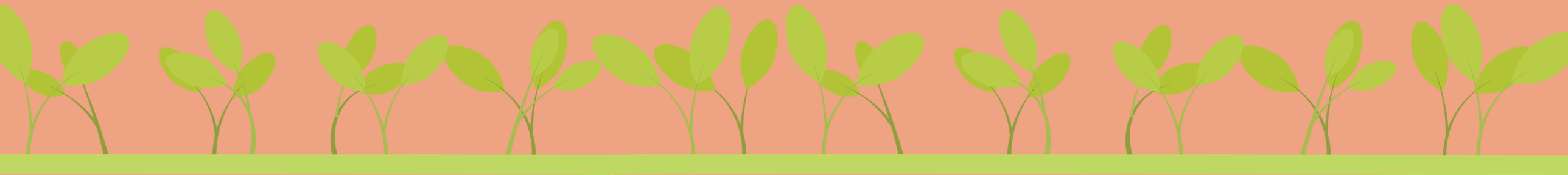
Structured Tier II SEL push-in

03

Math curriculum updates to promote student discourse

04

EduClimber to further streamline systems



CES PROGRESS

01

Reading Growth:

- Strong Phonemic Awareness skills
- Increase in decoding, large gains in kindergarten
- IEP/504 students showing measurable growth

02

Math Growth:

Stronger early number sense through consistent opportunities for mathematical thinking, vocabulary development, and student to student discourse.

03

SEL Growth:

Students are showing growth in executive functioning, relationships, and prosocial skills within classrooms

JACK JACKTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

JJIS PROJECTIONS

STUDENTS 499

STAFF

33 Certified Staff
8 Regular Education Paraeducators
2 Office Professionals
2 Nursing Office
7 Custodial / Maintenance
1 School Safety
1 Access Control Attendant

JJIS PRIORITIES

01

Instructional Coherence

02

School Identity

JJIS PROGRESS

01 Instructional Leadership and Curriculum Shifts

02 Data-driven Systems (MTSS)

03 Community and Belonging

WILLIAM J. JOHNSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

WJJMS

Respect for All

WJJMS PROJECTIONS

STUDENTS 480

STAFF

43 Certified Staff
4 Regular Education Paraeducators
2 Office Professionals
2 Nursing Office
8 Custodial / Maintenance
1 School Safety
1 Access Control Attendant

WJJMS PRIORITIES

01

Maintain our Academic Team Model

02

Strong Intervention Systems & Data Use

03

Diversified Learning & Student Choice

04

Positive Climate, Culture & Family Partnerships

WJJMS PROGRESS

01 Increased opportunities for differentiation and student support

32 new classes offered at WJ this year **02**

03
3 Puma Unplugged Days thus far
14 Staff Wellness events
10 Community Connections events

BOARD Q & A

Colchester Elementary School

William J. Johnston Middle School

Jack Jackter Intermediate School

GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

SYSTEM WIDE PRIORITIES

01 Employee Related Insurance and Property Insurance

02 Transportation and Diesel

03 Salaries Certified and Non-Certified

TRANSPORTATION

BOARD & CITIZEN Q & A

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NEXT MEETING

Please join us on February 26, 2026 at 6:00PM at WJ
for Budget Workshop #2